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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP -II (TAKE THREE OF THREE)

A BYLINER IN DIE WELT OF HAMBURG JUDGED THAT DESPITE KISSINGER'S
MODEST WORDS ABOUT THIS BEING MERELY A VISIT TO GET INFOR-
MATION, "THE MIDDLE EAST MISSION REALLY BELONGS AMONG THE
MOST IMPORTANT HE HAS EVER UNDERTAKEN....ON THE OPTIMISTIC
SIDE, SADAT AND THE SHAH OF IRAN ARE READY TO GO ALONG WITH
KISSINGER AS NOW OF NOW. AND PRESUMABLY KISSINGER HAS DONE
WHAT IS NECESSARY ABOUT ISRAEL AT HOME IN WASHINGTON--NOT LEAST
IN GIVING CONGRESS A STRAIGHT-FROM-THE SHOULDER EXPLANATION
OF WHAT ISRAEL NEEDS."

WEST GERMAN TELEVISION MONDAY NIGHT CARRIED THE VIEW OF
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT CARL WEISS: "I THINK THAT THE
SECRETARY OF STATE HAS LITTLE HOPE OF ACCOMPLISHING MIRACLES
DURING HIS BRIEF MIDDLE EAST TRIP. THE STANDS OF THE TWO
SIDES SEEM TO BE IRRECONCILABLE....BECAUSE OF THE GROWING FEARS
ABOUT OIL IN THE U.S., AMERICAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS HAVE SUFFERED
SOMEWHAT....NO ONE FAVORS A BIG NEW CONFERENCE IN GENEVA--OUT
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OF DIFFERENT MOTIVES--BUT AT THE MOMENT ALL PARTIES CONCERNED

ARE TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF A CONTINUATION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, HOPING FOR CONCESSIONS FROM THE OTHER SIDE....THE SECRETARY WOULD ACCOMPLISH MUCH IF HE COULD WIN TIME, AND IT WILL BE A POSITIVE SIGN IF HE SHUTTLES MORE THAN ONCE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS. HIS ITINERARY IS FLEXIBLE, BUT THE POSITIONS ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS ARE; A ARE RIGID."

TEL AVIV CORRESPONDENT EBERHARD PILTZ OF SECOND-NETWORK TELEVISION NARRATED FILM CLIPS OF THE KISSINGER ARRIVAL AND AIRPORT WELCOME, SAYING "THERE IS GROWING DISTRUST BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND JERUSALEM. THE ISRAELIS WONDER WHETHER WASHINGTON'S INTERESTS STILL COINCIDE WITH THEIR OWN....BUT BASICALLY THEY STILL AGREE WITH KISSINGER'S MIDEAST POLICY."

PARIS:

ROBERT LISCIA WROTE IN TODAY'S INTELLECTUAL LEFT LE QUOTIDIEN DE PARIS THAT "DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES OF HIS MISSION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE DOES NOT HESITATE TO BEGIN ANOTHER TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST WITH THE HOPE OF BRINGING THE ISRAELI-ARAB CONFLICT TO A PURELY AMERICAN SOLUTION...THE RESULT OF HIS EFFORTS CANNOT BE FORESEEN BUT ONE CAN AT LEAST ACKNOWLEDGE HIS COURAGE... HE COULD NOT GIVE UP DESPITE THE SCOPE OF THE TASKS. THAT IS WHY, THOUGH HIS ATTEMPT IS BEING VIEWED WITH SKEPTICISM, MR. KISSINGER MAY STILL SURPRISE THE WORLD..."

WRITING IN MODERATELY CONSERVATIVE FIGARO, A BYLINER SAID, "IT IS NOT MERELY IN CAIRO BUT ALSO IN DAMASCUS, WITH THE SYRIANS, THE SOVIETS AND THE PALESTINIANS THAT MR. KISSINGER WILL HAVE TO SEEK THE CONDITIONS FOR A NEW ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT. THAT IS WHY THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS POINTED OUT THAT HIS PRESENT TRIP MUST NOT BE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE RESULTS...THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE NONETHELESS THAT AN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE WITH A SIGNIFICANT CHANCE THAT THE SYRIANS MAY UNDERWRITE IT AND THE PALESTINIANS MAY ACCEPT IT..."

ROME:

THE JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT FOR MIDDLE -OF-THE-ROAD IL GIORNALE OF MILAN CONSIDERED THAT "IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO HAVE A TOTAL LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN HIS MISSION. BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT ARE DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN FINING AND AGREEMENT SO THAT THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS WILL NOT BE MIRED DOWN AT GENEVA. BUT NOBODY CAN CONCEAL THE FACT THAT THIS MISSION STARTS IN A DIFFICULT ATMOSPHERE AND IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC EFFORT OF THE SECRETARY'S ENTIRE CAREER."

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INDEPENDENT IL MESSAGGERO OF ROME NOTED THAT "DIFFICULTIES OF THE MISSION HAVE BECOME MORE EVIDENT IN THE PAST FEW HOURS" AND "IT IS NOT IMPROBABLE THAT KISSINGER HIMSELF MAY SUGGEST BY THE END OF HIS VISIT THAT THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS BE RESUMED." CONSERVATIVE IL TEMPO OF ROME'S JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT ROTE THAT "GENEVA SEEMS TO BE AN UNAVOIDABLE STOPOVER AT THE END OF KISSINGER'S NEGOTIATIONS. THE AMERICANS HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE SOVIET UNION MUST PARTICIPATE IN A GLOBAL SOLUTION OF

THE PROBLEM."

VIENNA:

TRIP RECEIVED WIDE AND PROMINENT PLAY, THE INDEPENDENT KURIER HEADLINING, "EVERYTHING CENTERS ON SUPER-HENRY." DIE PRESSE OBSERVED IN AN EDITORIAL. KISSINGER IS NOT A MAN WHO WILL INVEST HIS PRESTIGE IN AN UTTERLY HOPELESS CAUSE. WHAT HAS PROMPTED HIM TO DECLARE...THAT HE BELIEVES IT WILL NOT END IN FAILURE?...THERE IS MOVEMENT INSTEAD OF STAGNATION, AT LEAST IN EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS, AND THIS IS THE POINT WHERE KISSINGER WILL TRY TO ACHIEVE RESULTS." CALLING "PROGRESS OR SETBACKS" IN THE MIDDLE EAST A "TOUCHSTONE OF THE RELATIONS OF THE SUPERPOWERS," THE PAPER DECLARED, "THIS WILL HAVE REPERCUSSIONS IN ALL QUARTERS OF THE GLOBE."

TOKYO:

MODERATELY CONSERVATIVE SANKEI GAVE TOP PLAY TO A REPORT FROM A BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT WHO SAID, "IT APPEARS THAT EGYPT HOLDS THE KEY TO WHETHER THE RESUMPTION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL." THE PAPER ASSERTED

THAT ONCE ISRAEL OBTAINS A "NO-WAR PLEDGE" FROM EGYPT, IT INTENDS TO OBTAIN A SIMILAR PLEDGE FROM SYRIA WHEN IT WITHDRAWS FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. HOWEVER, THE PAPER STATED THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM TO EGYPTIAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE NO-WAR PLEDGE AS "IT MEANS BOWING TO ISRAEL AND THIS SEEMS TO BE A DISGRACE FOR EGYPT."

NEW DELHI:

ALL INDIA RADIO'S MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT REPORTED TUESDAY: "MOSCOW SHARES THE VIEW HELD BY THE ARABS THAT NO ONE BUT THE U.S. HAS THE ABILITY TO PRESSURE TEL AVIV INTO SEEING REASON. AT THE SAME TIME, IT REMINDS THE ARABS THAT A CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE ARAB UNITY IN USING OIL AS A WEAPON AND THE SUPPORT THEY GOT FROM THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES...DR. KISSINGER'S FAILURE WOULD NOT

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ONLY TAKE THE WEST ASIAN PROBLEM BACK TO SQUARE ONE BUT GIVE DETENTE A SEVERE JOLT..."

MOSCOW:

MAJOR PAPERS CARRIED BRIEF REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA RAN A TASS REPORT OF AN EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM CALLING ON THE U.S., THE USSR AND THE UN TO INVITE THE PLO TO GENEVA AND ANOTHER TASS DISPATCH CITING WALDHEIM IN VIENNA AS URGING THAT THE MEPC BE RECONVENED "BEFORE APRIL." RED STAR KEPT THE ISSUE OF AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN THE PERSIAN GULF AREA ALIVE WITH A PHOTOGRAPH OF U.S. TROOPS IN DESERT TRAINING.

BELGRADE:

POLITIKA LED TUESDAY WITH A DISPATCH FROM A NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT WHO SAW THE SECRETARY'S TRIP AS AN EFFORT TO "GIVE EVIDENCE THAT STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY IS SUCCESSFUL" BUT AT THE

SAME TIME TO "SCORE SOME POINTS FOR U.S. DIPLOMACY IN ORDER
TO PUT IT IN A KEY POSITION AT A RECONVENED GENEVA CONFERENCE"
WHICH HE SAID "CANNOT BE POSTPONED FOR LONG." THE CORRESPONDENT
SAW AS INDICATIONS OF A U.S. ATTEMPT TO "STRENGTHEN ITS REAR IN
THE MIDDLE EAST" REPORTS OF AMERICAN ROCKETS BEING SUPPLIED TO
OMAN, THE MOVE FOR LANDING RIGHTS AT MASIRAH, AND REPORTS THAT
A "SPECIAL NEW SAUDI ARABIAN ARMY" WAS BEING TRAINED BY
"MEMBERS OF SPECIAL CIA UNITS AND VIETNAM VETERANS."
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